

PATENT

IN THE UNITED STATES PATENT AND TRADEMARK OFFICE

In re Application of: John Chen and Lixiao Wang Yiqun Wang and
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Application No.: 09/696378
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For: DIMENSIONALLY STABLE BALLOONS
Examiner: Sow-Fun Hon
Group Art Unit: 1772

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Assistant Commissioner for Patents
Washington, D.C. 20231

Docket No.: S63.2H-9503-US

AMENDMENT AND RESPONSE

This is a response to the final Office Action mailed November 21, 2002.

Remarks

Rejections

35 U.S.C. §103(a)

Claims 1-8, 12-26, 31, 33 and 36 have been rejected under 35 U.S.C. §103(a) as being unpatentable over LeVeen et al. (US 4,448,195) in view of Zdrahala.

The Office Action asserts that LeVeen et al. has a balloon catheter wherein the balloon and catheter are a one piece unit with the balloon being a thin catheter wall portion of exact shape and size, and that it can be formed by expanding a distal tube portion of the catheter. LeVeen et al. teaches that the catheter may be formed by blow molding tubing with fine fibers (column 1, lines 5-50), but fails to teach that the fibers are polymeric or the orientation of the fibers.

Applicants traverse the rejection.

Independent claim 1 of the present invention is directed to a dimensionally stable